

a.) Amendments to the Claims

1. (Cancelled).

2. (Currently Amended). ~~The~~ An isolated nucleic acid molecule ~~of claim 1 which comprises~~

~~a) — the nucleotide sequence of comprising~~ SEQ ID NO: 1 or a complement thereof; ~~and~~

~~b) — a nucleic acid molecule which encodes a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.~~

Claims 3-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended). A transformed host cell ~~which contains that~~ harbors the nucleic acid molecule of ~~claim 3~~ any one of claims 2, 30 or 31.

6. (Original). The host cell of claim 5 which is a mammalian host cell.

7. (Previously Presented). The mammalian host cell of claim 6 which is non-human.

Claims 8-11 (Cancelled).

12. (Currently Amended). A method for producing a polypeptide comprising culturing ~~[[a]] the host cell harboring the nucleic acid molecule of claim [[3]]~~ 5

to express said polypeptide from said nucleic acid molecule and isolating said polypeptide from said host cell[[s]] or culture media.

Claims 13-15 (Cancelled).

16. (Currently Amended) A method for detecting the presence of a nucleic acid molecule in ~~claim 1~~ any one of claims 2, 30 or 31 in a sample comprising:

- a) contacting the sample with a nucleic acid probe or primer which selectively hybridizes to the nucleic acid molecule; and
- b) determining whether the nucleic acid probe or primer binds to a nucleic acid molecule in the sample to thereby detect the presence of a the nucleic acid molecule of ~~claim 1~~ in the sample.

17. (Original). The method of claim 16, wherein the sample comprises mRNA molecules and is contacted with a nucleic acid probe.

Claims 18-29 (Cancelled).

30. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule which encodes a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.

31. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule which comprises nucleotides 17-595 of SEQ ID NO:1.